

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

## WHO DO WE FIGHT?

### HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 26, 2008*

Mr. POE. Madam Speaker, who do we fight against? We have been at war in Iraq and Afghanistan for years. We heard that we are fighting a war on terror. But what does that mean? Who are the people at war with America?

Now, after all this time, our government has decided we must have a politically correct name for our enemy. No longer can we use the term "Jihadist," the primary meaning being a holy war to subject the world to Islam. After all, using that term might hurt our enemies' feelings.

And certainly the most accurate term, "Islamofascists," is strictly taboo because it might further anger our enemies by insinuating they are a bit radical when they murder in the name of religion.

So the government insists that we call the bad guys "extremists" or "terrorists." The term terrorist is so general it could cover a multitude of individuals. My neighbor sometimes calls my Dalmatians "terrorists". Does that mean our country is at war with my dogs? I really hope not. The term "extremists" could be applied to Global Warming Advocates, Health enthusiasts, NASCAR fanatics or anyone with strong opinions. Are we fighting all these people?

Those terms: extremists and terrorists are so vague they don't indicate the war against us is waged in the name of a radical Muslim religious doctrine. But isn't that the reason for this war?

The term "Jihadist" is not a reflection on all Muslims. After all, many Muslims are literally fighting these radical ideas.

In a war, we must specifically define our enemy. Otherwise, we don't know who they are or why they fight.

And that's just the way it is.

## TRIBUTE TO RICK KUHLMAN

### HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 26, 2008*

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the retirement of Mr. Rick Kuhlman, the principal of Fort Dodge Senior High in Fort Dodge, Iowa. I also want to express my appreciation for Rick's dedication and commitment to the youth of Iowa.

For the past 34 years Mr. Kuhlman has contributed his time and his talents to improving youths' lives through education and mentoring. Mr. Kuhlman began as a physical education and health teacher with the Fort Dodge School District in 1974. He later became assistant principal of the high school from 1987 until

1999, when he was named the principal. During his career Mr. Kuhlman has been responsible for many accomplishments and successes, but the one that is most important to him was Fort Dodge Senior High being chosen as a model school in the State of Iowa, one of the first 20 schools in the State to receive such an honor.

Mr. Kuhlman's dedication to the Fort Dodge School District has touched the lives of the many students, families and faculty members he has worked with over the years. His leadership will certainly be missed, but his accomplishments will have a lasting impact on the community for years to come. I consider it an honor to represent Mr. Rick Kuhlman in the United States Congress, and I wish him a happy and healthy retirement.

## RECOGNIZING EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, DISASTER RECOVERY AND RELIEF EFFORTS IN JOHNSON COUNTY

### HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 26, 2008*

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and recognize the extraordinary contributions of emergency management, disaster response, and recovery personnel as well as elected officials and community leaders in my district which was devastated by the recent severe weather in Indiana.

I wish particularly to honor the Board of Commissioners and County Council, as well as these outstanding individuals in Johnson County:

Forrest Sutton, Director, Emergency Management Agency

Terry McLaughlin, Sheriff

Town Council, City of Edinburgh

Patrick Pankey, Chief of Police, City of Edinburgh

These areas suffered greatly from severe storms and weather, creating a catastrophe of nature that inflicted injuries, destroyed property, and displaced many of our citizens. In response, these officials went above and beyond the call of duty, showing great poise while saving many lives and serving the people of their communities.

Madam Speaker, I commend these fine men and women for their tremendous dedication to the Hoosier families, businesses, farmers and communities that they serve. As Hoosiers continue to recover from Mother Nature's fury, I feel confident that the people of Johnson County will be well served by these officials.

## THE 58TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OUTBREAK OF THE KOREAN WAR

### HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 26, 2008*

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the sacrifice of the men and women who bravely served in the Korean War in defense of freedom. Today, June 25th, we commemorate the 58th anniversary of the start of the Korean War; the so-called 'Forgotten War', which claimed more than 36,000 American lives. Although the Korean War may receive less attention than other wars, it does not diminish the significance of the war and the freedom it preserved.

I proudly served my wartime tour in Korea as a member of the 503d Field Artillery Battalion of the 2d Infantry Division. The 503d Field Artillery Battalion landed in Korea in August 1950, arriving in time to participate in hard-fought battles that defeated the North Korean offensives against the United Nations forces on the Pusan Perimeter. During the battalion's 15 months in Korea, members of the 503d received 19 Silver Stars, four Distinguished Flying Crosses, and 79 Bronze Stars. The battalion suffered 512 casualties, including 150 men who died in Communist prison camps and 79 who remain listed as missing in action. The 503d, a Black unit, shattered the biased and unfair negative stereotypes attached to Black men and women fighting in Korea and earlier wars.

Although today is a solemn reminder of the lives that were lost during the Korean War; it also serves as a reminder of the binding friendship we have forged with the Korean people. As a phoenix rises from the ashes, so has the U.S.-Korean alliance.

Madam Speaker, I would like to enter into the RECORD the heart/felt comments from the wreath laying ceremony at the Korean War Memorial by the Korean Ambassador, The Honorable Tae-Sik Lee:

REMARKS BY HIS EXCELLENCY TAE-SIK LEE, AMBASSADOR OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA TO THE UNITED STATES, ON THE OCCASION OF THE 58TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OUTBREAK OF THE KOREAN WAR, KOREAN WAR VETERANS MEMORIAL, WASHINGTON, DC, JUNE 25, 2008

Distinguished veterans, colleagues from the diplomatic corps, and honored guests:

June 25, 1950, began as a day like any other. But the consequences of that day, and the War that ensued, have left a lasting mark. Millions were killed, our country destroyed, our nation divided. Yet freedom-loving governments stepped forward, and alliances were formed.

In the brutal heat of summer, and the bitter grip of winter, over every kind of tough terrain—it was through countless individual acts of courage, sacrifice, and faith—that South Korea's freedom was preserved. We are here today to honor that courage, remember that sacrifice and, I hope, reward the faith of every fighting man and woman—from 21 nations around the globe—who served to keep us free.

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